



Land, Sea, Sky *Celebrate Earth Day at Vanier Park*

The Museum of Vancouver, the Vancouver Maritime Museum
and the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Host a Joint Earth Day Event

For Immediate Release: March 15, 2024 — The Museum of Vancouver (MOV), the Vancouver Maritime Museum (VMM), and the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre proudly announce that they are joining forces to celebrate Earth Day on April 20, 2024. The three attractions, representing **land, sea and sky**, will come together to offer kid-friendly activities in honour of our planet.

The event will be shared between the three attractions located in Vanier Park, where families can enjoy a variety of interactive and educational activities. “We are thrilled to be partnering with the Museum of Vancouver and the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre to celebrate Earth Day,” says Darragh de Groot, Programs Manager of the Maritime Museum. “This is a great opportunity for families to learn about the importance of conservation and sustainability in a fun and interactive way.”

There will be scheduled activities throughout the day, including eco-poetry readings with **Vancouver Poet Laureate Fiona Tinwei Lam** and ***Temíxw: Stories from the Land* with Chief Ian Campbell** at the Museum of Vancouver, storytime readings of ***The Mess We Made*** at the Vancouver Maritime Museum and a presentation of ***Space Technology: Observing Planet Earth*** at the Space Centre. Each organization will also feature all-day activities including crafts and screenings.

“We look forward to welcoming everyone to our first Earth Day celebration with our neighbours,” says Alyssa Sy de Jesus, Program Manager at the MOV, “and we’re so pleased to be able to include Musqueam and Squamish stories as part of this by hosting Chief Ian Campbell.”

“We can’t wait to celebrate Earth Day with our co-hosts,” says Leanne Jung, Director of Learning at the Space Centre. “Join us and learn more about how space technology can help us understand the impact we have on our planet!”

Everyone is welcome and invited to join on April 20th, from 10:00am - 3:00pm to celebrate our planet and learn how we can all play a role in protecting it for future generations. Admission to the MOV and the VMM will be by donation. Regular fees will be in effect at the Space Centre but special Earth Day activities will be free as part of this special event.

Earth Day is an annual global celebration that honours the achievements of the environmental movement and raises awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations.

See below for a schedule of activities or head to the websites of the Museum of Vancouver (museumofvancouver.ca), Vancouver Maritime Museum (vanmaritime.com), and the Space Centre (spacecentre.ca) for more details.

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Land, Sea, Sky: Earth Day Schedule for April 20, 2024

10:30am: LAND / MOV: Reading with Poet Laureate Fiona Tinwei Lam

11:00am: LAND / MOV: *Temíxw: Stories from the Land* with Chief Ian Campbell

Noon: SEA / VMM: Storytime with OceanWise of *The Mess That We Made* by Michelle Lord

1:00pm: SKY / Space Centre: Presentation of *Space Technology: Observing Planet Earth* in the Auditorium

10:00am – 3:00pm:

LAND / MOV: Looped screening of Fiona Tinwei Lam’s Environmental Video Poems

SEA / VMM: Crafting with Urban Source in the TK Gallery using reuse materials

SKY / Space Centre: Make your own Solar System Hat in the lobby

About the Museum of Vancouver: The Museum of Vancouver (MOV) connects Vancouverites to each other and connects Vancouver to the world. The Museum’s programs, exhibitions and collections bring people together and inspire conversation about the future. The Museum is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring a socially connected, civically engaged city. The Museum of Vancouver and the city of Vancouver is located within the shared, unceded, ancestral territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

About the Vancouver Maritime Museum: The Vancouver Maritime Museum offers a unique opportunity to explore the maritime history of the Pacific Northwest. Located in the heart of Vancouver, the exhibits feature a diverse collection of artifacts, models and interactive displays that showcase the rich maritime heritage of the region. From the early days of fishing and shipping to the modern era of ocean exploration, the museum offers visitors a chance to learn about the fascinating history of the sea. With various programs, events and educational opportunities, the Vancouver Maritime Museum is an essential destination for anyone interested in maritime history and culture. Come visit us today and discover the wonders of the Pacific Northwest’s maritime heritage!

About the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre: The H.R. MacMillan Space Centre Society, also known as the Planetarium, is a non-profit community resource that bridges arts, culture and science to deliver unique

shows, and special events. The Space Centre is committed to being an active participant in community outreach that promotes science literacy, sparks curiosity and inspires exploration.